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SUBJ: ITU: MORE PROBLEMS RE INTELCOM 77

1. DIFFICULTIES CONCERNING INTELCOM 77 CONTINUE.
ON MARCH 17, TELATT MET WITH RENE FONTAINE, CHIEF OF ITU
PUBLIC RELATIONS, WHO ASKED FOR MEETING AT SECRETARY
GENERAL MILI'S BEHEST TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
ON THIS SUBJECT. THESE INCLUDE:

A. FEB ISSUE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE
CONTAINS LITERATURE PROMOTING INTELCOM 77 WITH STATEMENT
INDICATING SYG MILI HAS AGREED TO BE A KEY-NOTE SPEAKER
AT EXHIBIT. FACT IS THAT MILI HAS NOT YET EVEN RECEIVED
INVITATION TO SPEAK, MUCH LESS HAS AGREED TO DO SO.
FONTAINE SAID MILI WOULD IN FACT BE WILLING TO SPEAK,
PROVIDED HE RECEIVES WRITTEN INVITATION; SUCH INVITATION
NEED NOT COME FROM USG; LETTER FROM HORIZON HOUSE WOULD
BE SUFFICIENT.

B. DEPUTY SECY GENERAL BUTLER RECEIVED TELEX
ON MARCH 15 FROM PAUL POLISHUK, HORIZON HOUSE, ADVISING
HIM THAT "OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INVITATION BEING
PROCESSED" FOR BUTLER TO VISIT INTELCOM 77. ITU
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ADVISES THAT WHILE BUTLER WILLING TO MAKE VISIT,
BECAUSE OF ITU FINANCIAL STRINGENCIES, BUTLER COULD
ACCEPT INVITATION ONLY IF IT WERE AGREED IN WRITING
IN ADVANCE THAT THE FULL COST OF VISIT WOULD BE PAID
BY USG OR SPONSORS.

C. ON MARCH 15, MILI RECEIVED TELEX FROM PROFESSOR

BJORN WELLENIIUS OF SANTIAGO, CHILE (A WELL-KNOWN
TELECOMS EXPERT EMPLOYED BY ITT) WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF
AS PROGRAM ORGANIZER FOR INTELCOM 77, REQUESTING ITU
"SEND SENIOR OFFICER TO CHAIR AND ORGANIZE SESSION
ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THEME 'THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES'". TELEX FURTHER
STATES THAT "I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND MR BUTLER HAVE
ALREADY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM
AND THAT ITU IS NOW DISCUSSING SPACE AS EXHIBITOR".

D. FONTAINE STATES:

(1) BUTLER HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INVITATION,
MUCH LESS ACCEPTED;
(2) MILI HAS AGREED TO COME AND WOULD AGREE TO
GIVE SPEECH IF INVITED, BUT HAS NOT AGREED (OR BEEN
ASKED) TO PARTICIPATE IN TECHNICAL PROGRAM;
(3) ITU WAS REQUESTED TO PURCHASE SPACE AS
AN EXHIBITOR AT THE CONFERENCE BUT DECLINED TO DO SO ON
BOTH FINANCIAL AND POLICY GROUNDS; IT IS ADVISED, HOWEVER
IT WOULD CONSIDER THE OFFER OF FREE SPACE TO EXHIBIT
AND SELL ITU PUBLICATIONS IF OFFERED;
(4) ITU HAS NO FUNDS TO SEND SENIOR OFFICIALS
TO "CHAIR AND ORGANIZE" TECHNICAL COOPERATION SESSION.
MILI SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT JOHN O'NEILL, EB/TD,
US REP TO ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, WHO IS CHAIRMAN
OF COUNCIL'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE, MIGHT
WISH TO SERVE AS ORGANIZER OR KEYNOTER OF THIS SESSION.
IF O'NEILL NOT AVAILABLE, ITU CAN PROVIDE NAMES OF
QUALIFIED AMERICANS, NOW IN U.S. WHO FORMERLY WORKED
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IN ITU'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION, WHO MIGHT
BE WILLING TO DO SO.

E. RECENTLY, WHILE IN GENEVA, HORIZON HOUSE
REPRESENTATIVE POLISHUK, CONTACTED ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF
IFRB INDIVIDUALLY, WITHOUT INFORMING GENERAL SECRETARIAT,
URGING THEIR SUPPORT OF INTELCOM 77. UPSHOT OF THIS
EFFORT WAS UNANIMOUS IFRB MEMORANDUM TO SYG DATED
MARCH 15 (ORIGINAL SEEN BY TELATT) RECOMMENDING THAT
ITU HAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH INTELCOM 77.
MILI CONSIDERS THIS MATTER OUTSIDE COMPETENCE OF IFRB
AND WILL IGNORE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION.

2. PLEASE ADVISE PARTICULARLY RE PARAS 1 (B), AND
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